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LETTER DATED 14 FEBRUARY 1991 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALGERIA, THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, MAURITANIA, MOROCCO AND TUNISIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We, the representatives of the countries members of the Arab Maghreb Union, regret that it took the Security Council three weeks to act on our request of 23 January 1991 for an urgent meeting of the Council. We also deeply regret the fact that the Council created a precedent by deciding that the general debate would be held in closed session.

We had already told you and the outgoing President that the delegations of the Arab Maghreb Union would not participate in debates held behind closed doors. We therefore wish to confirm that we will not participate in these closed meetings.

We should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter transmitted to the members of the Security Council and distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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